

King of Prussia, PA — Congressman Sestak (PA-07) met with some of the most successful entrepreneurs in his District, visiting three businesses in Montgomery County that have recently experienced extraordinary growth. After a February tour of four King of Prussia technology companies helped the Congressman focus his efforts as Vice Chairman of the Small Business Committee, he felt it was important to schedule similar trips. — “During my last tour of companies in the region I gained an even greater appreciation of small businesses and, considering that more than 70 percent of all jobs in this country are created by small businesses, I believe part of my job is to seek out companies, such as the ones I toured today, to better focus efforts on the needs of small businesses.” said Congressman Sestak. “Then, through legislation, as well as by reaching out to and providing resources for companies in my District, we can improve the overall state of this area’s economy.”

The Congressman first met with management and employees at Action Duplication Inc, which performs duplication of CDs, DVDs and VHS tapes, and also provides design, printing, packaging, and distribution services at its West Conshohocken facility. As the only company in Pennsylvania that offers all of these tasks “in-house,” Action Duplication recorded \$7.75 million in total sales in 2007.

Health Market Science in King of Prussia was the Congressman’s next stop, where he toured a leading provider of healthcare data that has grown 851 percent in the last five years. Recognized by Inc. 500 in 2005 and 2006 as one of the fastest growing private companies in the United States, Health Market Science acquires, analyzes and integrates more than 2,500 distinct data sources to create and maintain a comprehensive source of healthcare provider information.

Lastly, Congressman Sestak stayed in King of Prussia to visited JBC Associates, a 70-person construction management firm and the second largest woman-owned business in the Seventh Congressional District. The company assists business owners, contractors, designers and engineering firms by supervising all phases of construction projects, including Project Management and Oversight, Construction Management, Construction Inspection and Dispute Resolution.

As part of his effort to assist businesses in his District, Congressman Sestak has held five economic development summits. The most recent, a Workforce Development Summit in June, addressed a topic that was raised during his February technology company tour: the lack of qualified workers on the job market. For the event, the Congressman brought together leaders

from the business and education communities to discuss ways in which they can better prepare students to perform work that today's businesses require, especially considering the increasing number of jobs that demand a higher level of math training. One result of the summit was the formation of a Higher Education and Workforce Development Advisory Committee, which will. Another event, last December's Business Procurement Summit, connected more than 420 business men and women with 40 large businesses and contracting officers from more than 15 federal and state government agencies. This summit was one way Congressman Sestak has addressed the fact that only 6.7 percent of federal contracts in his District go to small businesses, despite a federal mandate of 23 percent.

As Vice Chairman of the House Small Business Committee, Congressman Sestak has worked to modernize many of the small business programs and resources to help small businesses grow. These efforts include sponsoring amendments to: require market research by the Department of Defense on the ability of small businesses to do work prior to awarding contracts of more than \$5 million dollars; and stop the government from unfairly "bundling" small contracts into "mega-contracts," a practice that makes it harder for small business to compete. In addition he helped pass the Small Business Investment Expansion Act. This bill reforms Small Business Administration programs to assist small businesses with obtaining capital necessary to start or grow their operations. It also improves access to venture capital and angel investments for these entrepreneurs.

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.